Displaced persons in J and K

*148. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of the conditions of people of Jammu and Kashmir displaced from four districts along the Line of Control and the International Border, as per direction of the Supreme Court reportedly given to the Centre on 4th February, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any compensation has been given to the displaced families for their rehabilitation?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Central team have submitted a field visit report, which has been filed in the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The matter is pending in the Court.

(c) Government of Jammu and Kashmir have announced a relief package for the families who have migrated from the Line of Control/border areas of the districts of Rajouri, Poonch, Jammu and Kathua, the details of which are given in the statement annexed.

Statement

The details of the relief package announced by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir for the families who have migrated from the border areas/Line of Control (LoC) of the Districts of Rajouri, Poonch, Jammu and Kathua are as under:—

(a) free ration at the rate of 9 Kgs (7 Kgs atta and 2 Kgs rice in Jammu Division and 7 Kgs rice and 2 Kgs. atta in Kashmir Division) is being issued per person every month.

(b) free Kerosene oil at the rate of 10 litre per family every month.

(c) cash amount at the rate of Rs. 200/-per person every month.

(d) free medical aid to all the displaced persons.

(e) Rs. 200/- per family every month for fodder in those areas which have been mined as identified by respective Deputy Commissioners.

(f) free ration as at (a) above at the place of residence in case of any of the migrants wish to return.

2. In addition to this relief package, an *ex-gratia* relief at the rate of Rs. 1 lakh is given to the next of kin of persons killed and compensation for immovable property damaged at the rate of 50 per cent of the loss assessed subject to a ceiling of Rs. one lakh per case is also given as part of normal relief measures.

Overcrowding in Tihar Jail

*149. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN:
SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tihar Jail meant for some hundred prisoners are housing nearly 11,000 inmates;

(b) whether consequent to the congestion in Tihar Jail some petty criminals come in contact of hardcore terrorists/criminals and new networks are formed;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that Asif Raja Khan was just an ordinary criminal who after coming into contact with Maulana Masood Azhar in Tihar Jail become a hardcore terrorist; and

(d) the reaction of the Government in this regard and the steps taken to decongest the Tihar Jail immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) 11.206 prisoners where lodged in Tihar Jail as on 28th February, 2002 as against the sanctioned capacity of 3637 prisoners.

(b) No, Sir. whereas the hard core criminals are lodged in the high security wards of the Tihar Jail, Petty criminals are lodged separately and have no access to the high security ward.

(c) The accused Asif Raza Khan was admitted on 4th November, 1994 in Jail No. 3 as an under-trial in a case under Terrorist and Disruptive Activities Act (TADA) and was transferred to Kolkata jail on 22nd July, 1999 after his conviction. Maulana Masood Azhar